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**Melissa Handley Promoted to Assistant Supervisor
in Probation and Parole District 15**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 13, 2016) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner Kim Potter-Blair today announced the promotion of Melissa Handley to assistant district supervisor of District 15. District 15 has three field offices in Maysville, Sandy Hook and Paintsville and covers 12 counties, including Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason and Morgan.

“I am pleased to promote Melissa to this position,” said Potter-Blair. “We look forward to her continued success in her new role as assistant supervisor.”

Handley began her career with the Division of Probation and Parole in 2003 as an office support assistant in the Catlettsburg office. She was responsible for typing reports, scheduling appointments and for purging Boyd County court files, which dated back to the 1940s. In 2006, she became the office coordinator in the newly formed District 15. Handley worked closely with the officers and office support staff. She also developed an instruction manual to guide the office support assistant in daily duties.

In 2012, Handley was promoted to probation and parole officer and served as the primary re-entry liaison in District 15. During her tenure with probation and parole, she created training examples for the district regarding use of the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System, supervised offenders on parole, as well as felony and misdemeanor probation and diversion. Handley also worked as the Class D and home incarceration officer for the district.

Handley serves as a facilitator for programs such as Thinking for a Change, 24/7 Dads, and Effective Practices in Community Supervision.

A graduate of Ohio University, Hanley earned her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice with a minor in human services and social services. She also received the 2009 “Outstanding Employee” award for her district.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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